Remarks:

The Specification has been amended to delete a claim of priority pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §

120. This amendment is timely filed prior to the expiration of four months from the actual filing

date of July 9, 2003, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a).

Applicant requests entry of this amendment and issuance of a filing receipt that reflects

this withdrawal of a previous priority claim.

No fees are believed due with this submission. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§

1.16 to 1.21 are required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Assistant

Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Vinson & Elkins L.L.P.

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Respectfully submitted,

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